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Urban Council

FOR those members of the public who crave drastic reform of the Urban Council, the new ordinance which was given its first reading on Wednesday will disappoint. It must be remembered, however, that it was not the intention of the legislators to revise the constitution of the Council, but to streamline procedure governing elections.

In this respect the revised Ordinance is competent, without in any manner being startling. The two most interesting of the new provisions are the consolidation of the electoral roll, involving abolition of three-part register, and the power of the Governor in Council to require a Council candidate to lodge a deposit, which in the event of failure to obtain a certain percentage of the total poll, will be forfeited.

Consolidation of the electoral roll is sensible, and it will be labour-saving both for the Registrar and for those sections of the community who do not appear on the jury list yet can still obtain the right to vote. This may encourage a bigger poll at future elections.

REACTIONS to the deposit and forfeiture provisions are likely to vary. One danger of the imposition is that it might drive out of the election field independent candidates, leaving it clear for political groups and parties, whose aims are opposed and whose candidates, therefore, could not completely represent the will and desire of the electorate.

In its favour the system helps to protect the community from having thrust upon it candidates who know they possess no chance whatever of winning a popular vote, but who will, if there be no deterrents, insist on taking part in a costly election at virtually no personal expense.

The amended Urban Council Ordinance will raise no great objections, but in its present form it will not produce general satisfaction. Still requiring attention is the question of an enlarged Council, its composition and its future status. All this, it is presumed, will occupy the attention and consideration of Government during the coming months.

25 Out Of 44 Back Diem Assembly Split

Saigon, May 5. Delegates from 25 of Vietnam's 44 provinces to night gave full powers to the Premier, Ngo Dinh Diem, to end the present crisis, fight Communism and set up a National Assembly.

Mr Diem, victor in a week-long battle with rebel warlords, had earlier sent a resolution demanding the deposition of Bao Dai, the Head of State, which was passed by another meeting called here by the revolutionary junta led by General Nguyen Van Phuong.

The provincial delegates, forming an elected National Assembly of about 975 members, were summoned by Mr Diem, but were nearly split over attempts to preserve his automatic powers.

HEATED DEBATE After a heated debate they chose one member from each of the 44 provinces to carry on the debate in committee, and the morning session of the full congress was suspended.

But 21 of the chosen delegates—mostly from the southern part of Vietnam which has long opposed Mr Diem's regime—walked out.

The congress, which did not reach a decision on Bao Dai, met in the Premier's palace. The junta's congress met in a small theatre on the shell-pocked Boulevard Gallieni—Rueben.

Hitch Spoils Ceremony

Bonn, May 5. The West German Bundestag (Lower House) ceremony marking "sovereignty day" was delayed by a last-minute hitch.

The Federal Cabinet arrived in time for the ceremony. So did the diplomatic corps including Sir Frederick Hoyer Miller of Britain and M. Francois Poncelet of France.

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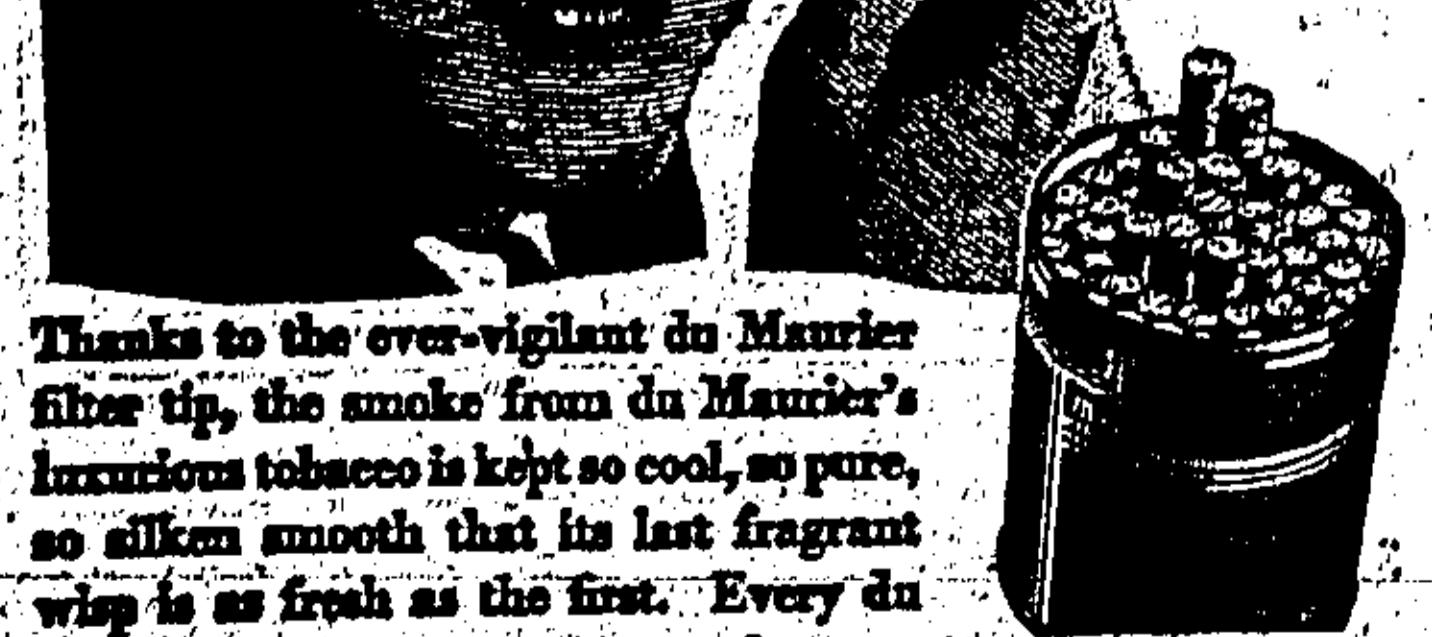
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BAN ON JEWS

Cairo, May 5. All Jews who have had contacts with Israel or who have worked for Israel will in future be banned from all the Arab countries, it was announced here today.

This decision was taken by a Pan-Arabian Conference just held in Damascus on boycotting Israel, the Arab League Secretariat announced.

In future, said the League, all Jews expelled from one of the Arab countries will be automatically excluded from the others.—France-Press.

★ Peace and Pantry: these are the words which will influence the coming General Election, says Derek Marks, Mr. House, of London, disappeared for 17 years and then returned—one of the world's strangest stories by Peter Jackson.

★ Raymond Chandler confesses: Rene MacColl reveals some of the secrets of the famous author of "The Big Sleep" and other detective thrillers.

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US AND "SUMMIT" TALKS

Opposition To Proposal Expected

FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING FIRST

Washington, May 5.

The United States was reported to be ready today to oppose any eleventh-hour British moves to ask Russia for a Chiefs-of-State meeting before the Big Four Powers hold a "parley" of Foreign Ministers.

The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, is expected to outline the United States position when he talks with his British and French opposite numbers in Paris beginning on Sunday.

The Eisenhower Administration is understood to feel that the reported British support for a top-level meeting first had a definite political touch.

It was pointed out that the British are holding elections on May 26. The idea of a "meeting at the summit" always has had more political appeal in Britain than in the United States.

"Things always look better over there from the summit," one official said.

Some officials believe that the Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan, at Paris next week will not press too long or too hard, if at all, for prior top-level talks. It was understood that the British had given their tacit approval to a three-Power approach to the Soviets which would propose a Foreign Ministers' conference on European problems at an early date. This accord still must be accepted officially by Mr Dulles, Mr Macmillan and the French Foreign Minister, Mr Antoine Pinay.

Reports say Sir Anthony had switched his position from Foreign Minister to Chiefs-of-State talk as a first move to ease tensions, were received here some time ago.

Officials were surprised at this because Sir Anthony, when he was Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons on March 28, that the procedure for talking with the Russians included a meeting "at the Foreign Ministers' level" first and possibly at other levels as well as at a later date.

Because of strains on American-British relations over the Far Eastern crisis as well as the forthcoming British elections, the United States is not expected to take issue openly or violently with the British.

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**PEAL GUILTY
TO TREASON**

Paphos, Cyprus, May 5. Nine supporters of Enosis—Union of Cyprus with Greece—received a maximum sentence of life imprisonment today after they pleaded guilty at their trial to charges of promoting a change in the Cyprus government by force.

Two other accused men pleaded guilty to having unlawfully imported explosives into Cyprus, and the remaining men were acquitted.—France-Press.

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Reuter.

Indonesia Said Willing To Mediate Over Formosa

Djakarta, May 5.

The Indonesian Information Minister, Dr Lumbang Tobing, when interviewed on Indonesian press reports that the Djakarta government had offered her good services in the Formosa problem, said that Indonesia's preparedness to mediate if requested to do so would be in line with the spirit of the Afro-Asian conference.

Political circles in Djakarta thought that Indonesia seriously considered to offer her mediation. They pointed to the facts that the Indonesian Ambassador in the United States, Moekarto Notowidigdo, who was on a trip on the west coast, was called back to Washington and that the Indonesian Ambassador to Peking, Arnold Mononutu, who flew to Djakarta with Premier Chou En-lai, would soon return to Peking.

Minister Tobing opined that the countries who participated in the Afro-Asian conference could not be prevented from efforts to find peaceful solutions based on the conference's decisions. He added that if Indonesia took a step in the Formosa problem this would not frustrate a similar step already announced by India.

Dr Tobing pointed out that Indonesia recognises only the present Peking government and considers Formosa part of the Chinese People's Republic.

Indonesian newspapers reports claimed that Indonesia had given a "feeler" with the Peking government after Premiers Ali Sastroamidjojo and Chou En-lai had discussed Indonesian mediation on the Formosa problem during the latter's stay in Djakarta.—Reuter.

**NEW
WONDER
PLANE**

Washington, May 5. A plane which can convert itself in flight from a helicopter to a conventional aircraft and back again has been produced in the United States. It was disclosed today.

Emphasis will be placed on modern weapons and air power in the new "atomic" army.

The number of civilians in the army will be reduced from 1,150,000 to 1,171,000 over the same period.

The committee also voted a bill providing \$31,488,206,000 in new appropriations for United States defence for the 1955 fiscal year.

The appropriations, added to money left over from the previous year, will provide a total of \$43,081,000,000 for the Department of Defence for the next fiscal year if approved by the House and Senate.

The amount of appropriations voted by the committee represented a reduction of \$744,606,000 in the amount originally asked for by President Eisenhower.

The Committee report declared, however, that it would vote additional funds if the world situation worsened.

Reuter.

**QUEMOY AREA
BARRAGE**

Taipei, May 5. Communist Chinese guns today shelled the offshore island of Quemoy held by the Chinese Nationalists, the Nationalist Defence Ministry reported.

The Ministry said that 11 rounds fell onto the island from Lienmo on the Chinese mainland causing no casualties or damage.

Communist guns on Amoy tonight fired more than 150 rounds at Little Quemoy, a sister islet two miles west of Quemoy which is off the Chinese mainland, the Nationalist Defence Ministry added. The communiqué said the bombardment lasted 45 minutes.—France-Press.

Communications from Dr Marton to the Vienna Bureau of the Associated Press ceased late in February and thereafter he could not be reached by telephone or telegraph over channels which had previously been freely available since Dr Marton became the Budapest correspondent in 1947, the Associated Press said.

NO RESPONSE

The Associated Press sought from the Hungarian Foreign Ministry information as to his whereabouts. Early in March the Ministry referred the inquiry to the United States Legation in Budapest which was able only to report rumours that Dr Marton was being detained by the Hungarian authorities.

Efforts to learn the nature of the charges against Dr Marton had been unavailing, the agency said. The Foreign Ministry had not responded to several letters and messages in the past two months.

Dr Marton, 44, is a Hungarian national. He was educated in England and at the Budapest University.—Reuter.

**Exile Decision
Is Final**

London, May 5.

Mr Arthur Dodds Parker, Commonwealth Under-Secretary, reiterated today that the decision to exile Seaford Khan from Bechuanaland was final.

Mr Parker, a Brockway (Labour) had asked if the decision that the banishment should be permanent could be reconsidered.

He said the original period of five years banishment was now up and the Bechuanato tribe still wanted him back.

Mr Dodds Parker said he had nothing to add to a reply he gave to the same question last December when he said the decision was final.—China Mail Special.

Incharan
Was Fired
On By Junks

An official statement issued by the Government Public Relations Office this morning states that the 3,529-ton sloop Incharan, managed by Williamson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, reported at 11.45 a.m. on Wednesday she was stopped by two motor junks firing at her, and subsequently reported being boarded.

Nothing further has been heard from the Incharan. At the time the ship was some ten miles south of White Dog, and was bound for Shanghai from Foochow.

As far as is known, adds the statement, no damage or casualties were sustained.

**Cut In
US Forces
Approved**

Washington, May 5.

The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives today approved government plans to reduce the number of troops in the armed forces of the United States.

The plan calls for the slashing of troops in the United States armed forces by 102,000 men between June, 1955 and June, 1956.

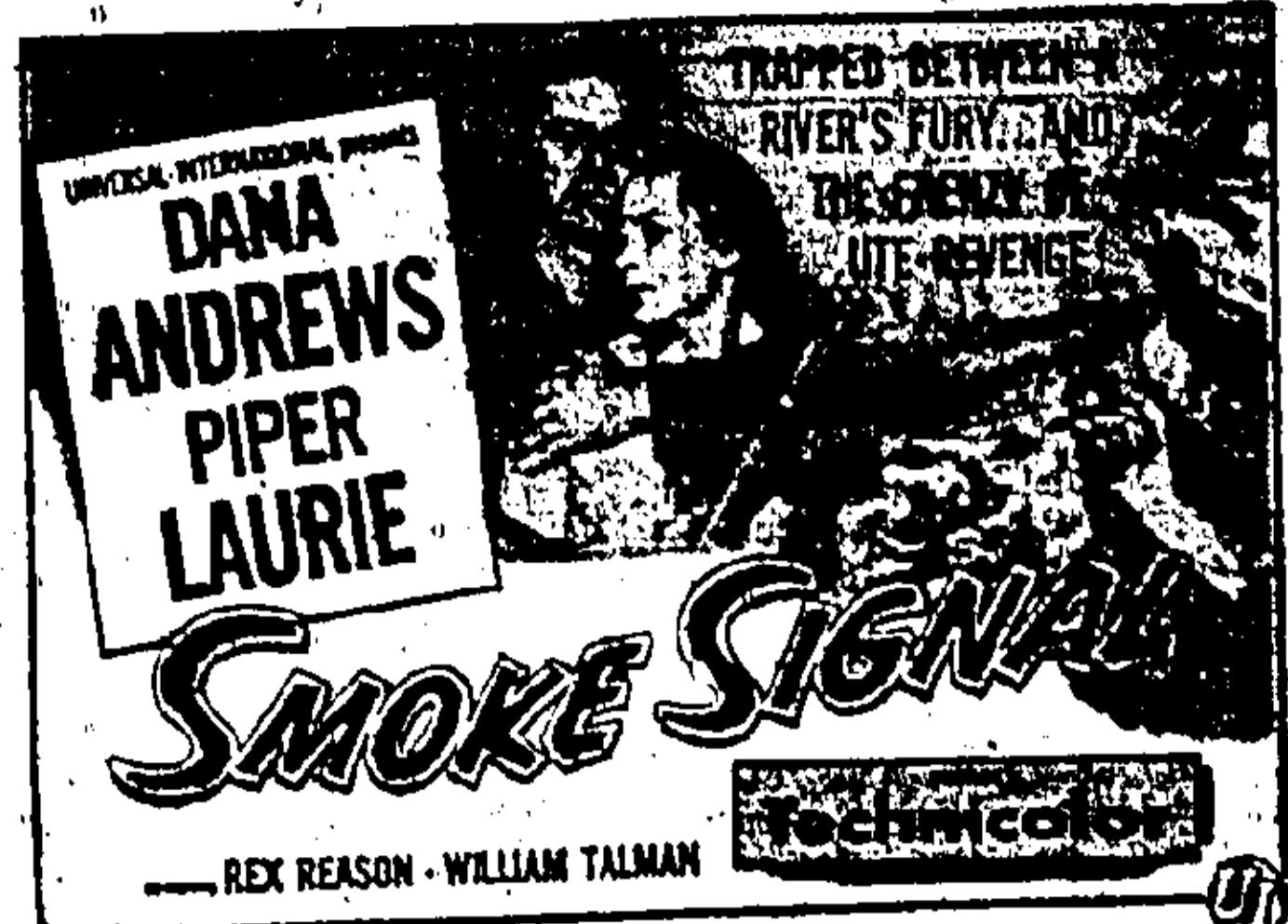
If the cut is approved, by the House and Senate, the US armed forces will consist of 2,852,000 men in June, 1956 against 2,954,000 men in June of this year.

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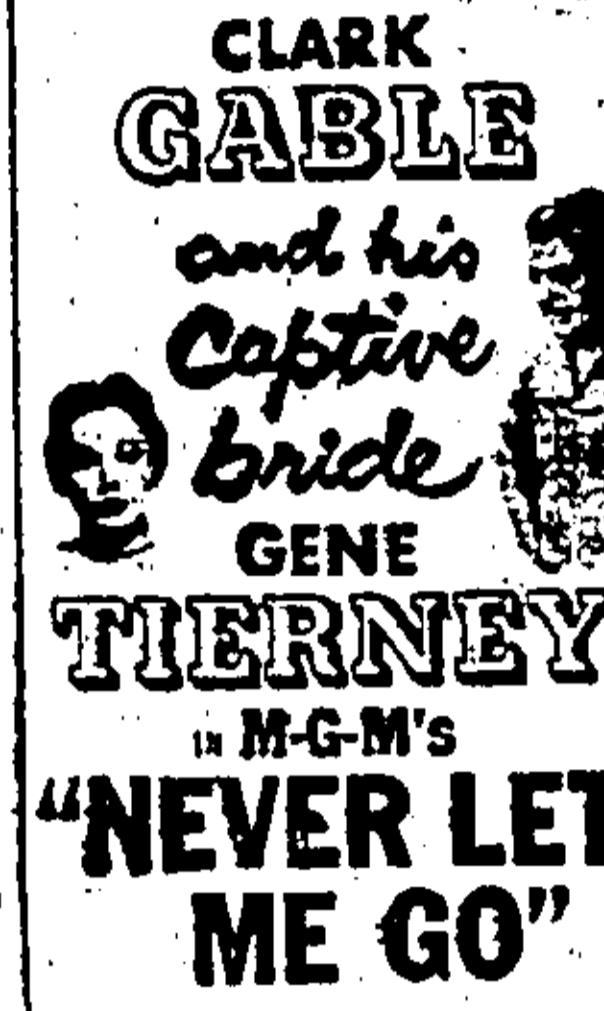
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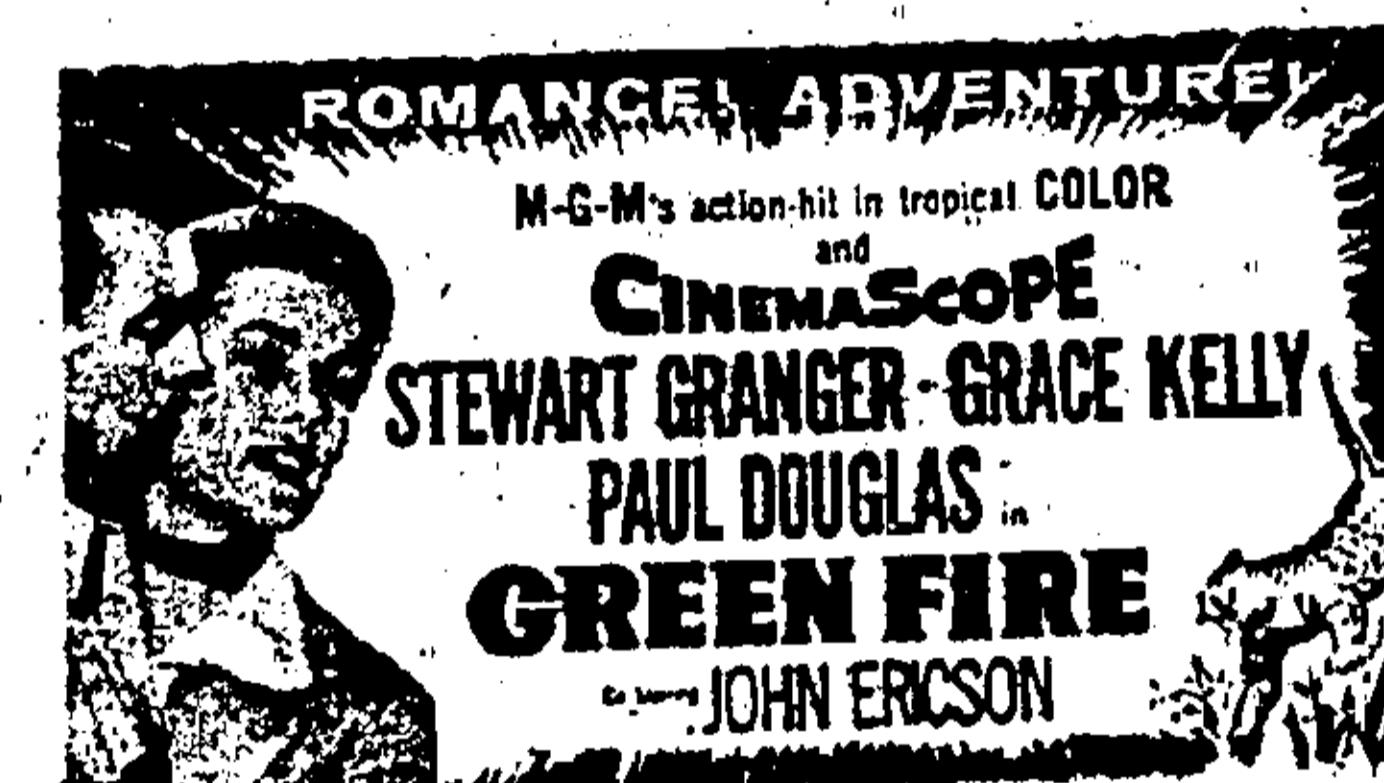


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IS CHOU STALLING?

No Answer On
Formosan
Negotiations
POSSIBLE ILLNESS

London, May 5. Diplomatic opinion split today over whether the Chinese Communist Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, was stalling his answer on Formosa negotiations or really recovering from recent illness.

Mr Chou was last reported to be in Kunming at the weekend, after talks with the Vietminh leader, Mr Ho Chi-minh, on his return from the Asian-African conference at Bandung.

Some diplomatic quarters believed that Mr Chou's absence from Peking was designed to gain time before he gives clarification to the West of his recent offer to talk over a Formosa ceasefire with the United Nations ceasefire talks.

So far Mr Trevelyan has not been able to confer with Mr Chou on account of the latter's absence from the capital, officials said.

The first diplomatic moves on Formosa were now expected to begin by the middle of next week when India's special envoy, Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, a roving Ambassador, arrives in Peking.

His visit stems from an invitation extended last week by Mr Chou to India's Premier, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru.

IMPORTANT PART
Mr Krishna Menon hopes to play an important part in mediation moves to bring the United States and the Chinese together for initial talks on the Formosa crisis, the informants said.

India was expected to synchronize its diplomatic mission with British moves through Mr Trevelyan in the Red Chinese capital. Britain has offered to act as mediator to assist the start of United States-Chinese talks.

Pakistan's Premier, Mr Mohammed Ali, who in Bandung paved the way for a new diplomatic approach to the Formosa conflict is also scheduled to visit Red China shortly. No firm date has so far been disclosed.

British diplomatic observers showed little concern today over the delay in the projected Peking soundings.

They considered that Mr Chou had, at any rate, compelled Red China not to use force in the Formosa conflict.

Britain's Ambassador to the United States, Sir Roger Makins, who returned to Washington at the weekend with new instructions from Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, and Mr Macmillan has since consulted the State Department on the future course of the Formosa diplomacy.

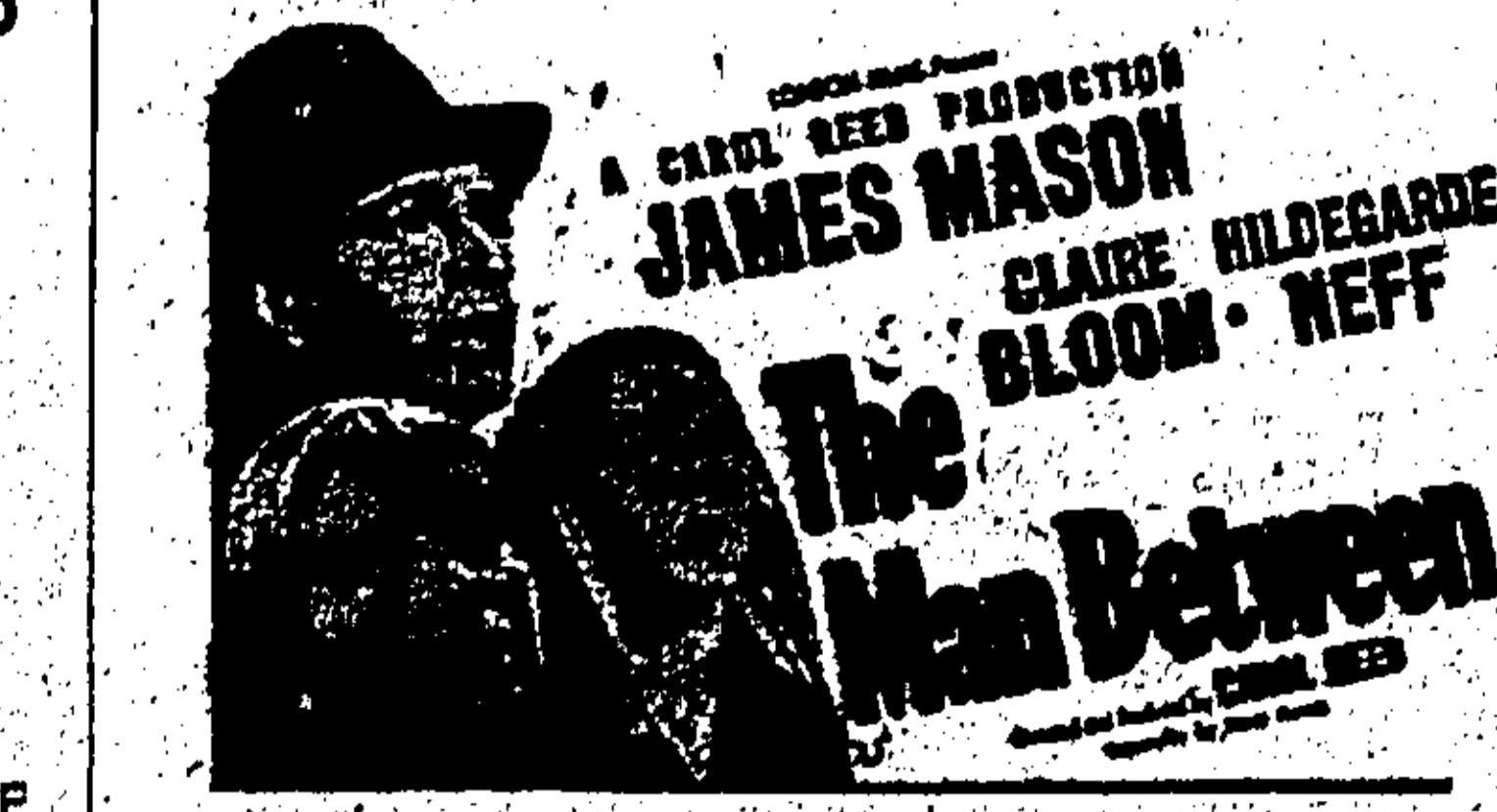
Mr Cooper said that Rhesus monkeys exported by India had played an important role in research work and the polio research centre in Bombay, financed by the Indian Council for Medical Research, had also been working for several years on the problem.

The information they gained had been available to workers overseas. — France-Presse & Reuter.

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The Guests Depart



Sir Winston Churchill leaves No. 10 Downing Street in London after luncheon with the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden and his wife who are on the steps of No. 10 to bid farewell to their guests. Sir Winston, who is uncle of Lady Eden, was accompanied by Lady Churchill. — Reutersphoto.

AID BILL WILL
GO THROUGH

But May Be Whittled

Washington, May 5. Senator Walter F. George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today he has no doubt Congress will pass the Administration's Foreign Aid Bill programme.

"But I don't know that it will come out at the amount the Administration has asked," he added.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, opened the Eisenhower Administration's campaign for approval of the \$3,530,000,000 programme in testimony before the Foreign Relations group.

Mr George told newsmen before the hearing that the biggest obstacle facing the bill is a reluctance by many law-makers to approve a big amount of new money when the foreign aid programme has carry-over funds estimated at \$8,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000. This is unspent money from previous years.

SEE THE NEED

However, he said, "when they understand what the carry-over really means, I believe they will see the need for some new money."

Some Senators have criticised the provisions for outright economic aid in the bill. Such influential members as Senators Harry F. Byrd and Richard B. Russell have said that they will oppose any outright economic aid.

But another Senator, Mr Hubert H. Humphrey, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that "the emphasis in the bill is wrong."

Mr Humphrey told newsmen that "what is needed, particularly in Asia, is more technical and economic aid" rather than such heavy emphasis on military assistance.

Mr Humphrey also endorsed an earlier suggestion by a Senator, Mr Mike Mansfield, that economic aid funds for "development assistance" be disbursed as long-range, low-interest loans rather than outright grants.

Mr Humphrey said that the United States could have financed the new steel mill in India instead of the Russians if it had had an adequate programme for making such loans.

20-YEAR LOAN

He said that the Indians wanted a 20-year loan at three per cent which was not available in private finance channels.

The \$3,530,000,000 programme aided by Mr Eisenhower includes \$1,400,000,000 in outright military aid; \$317,200,000 in

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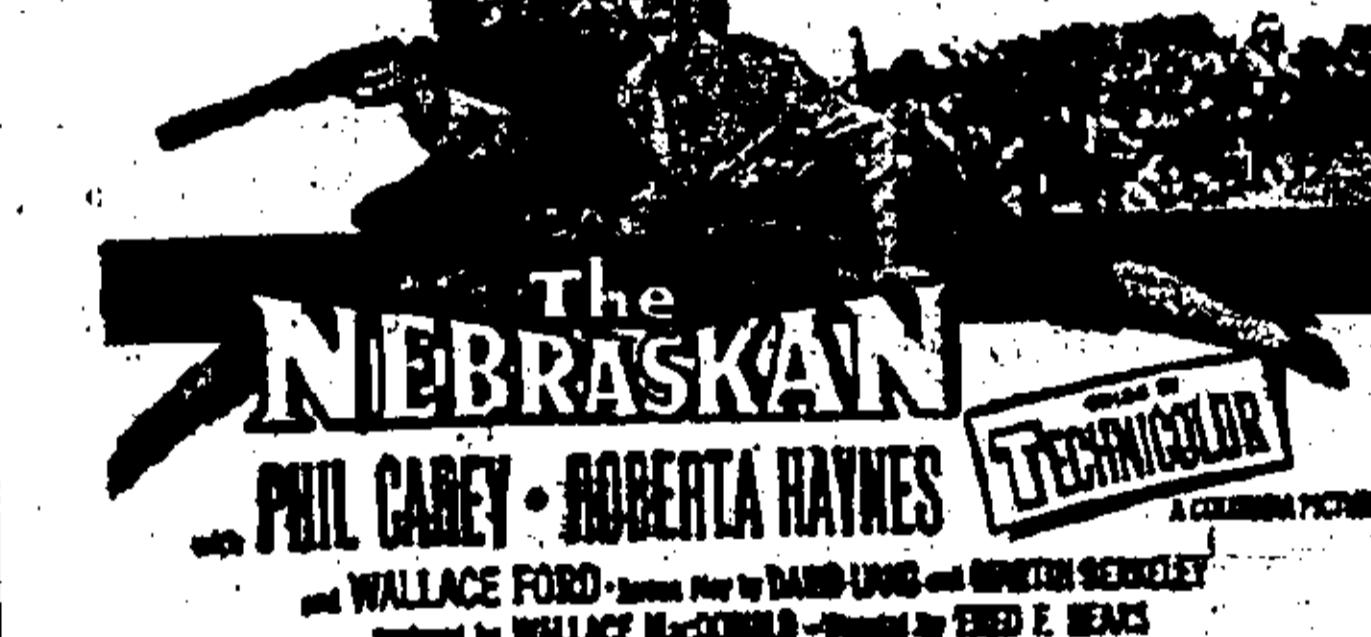
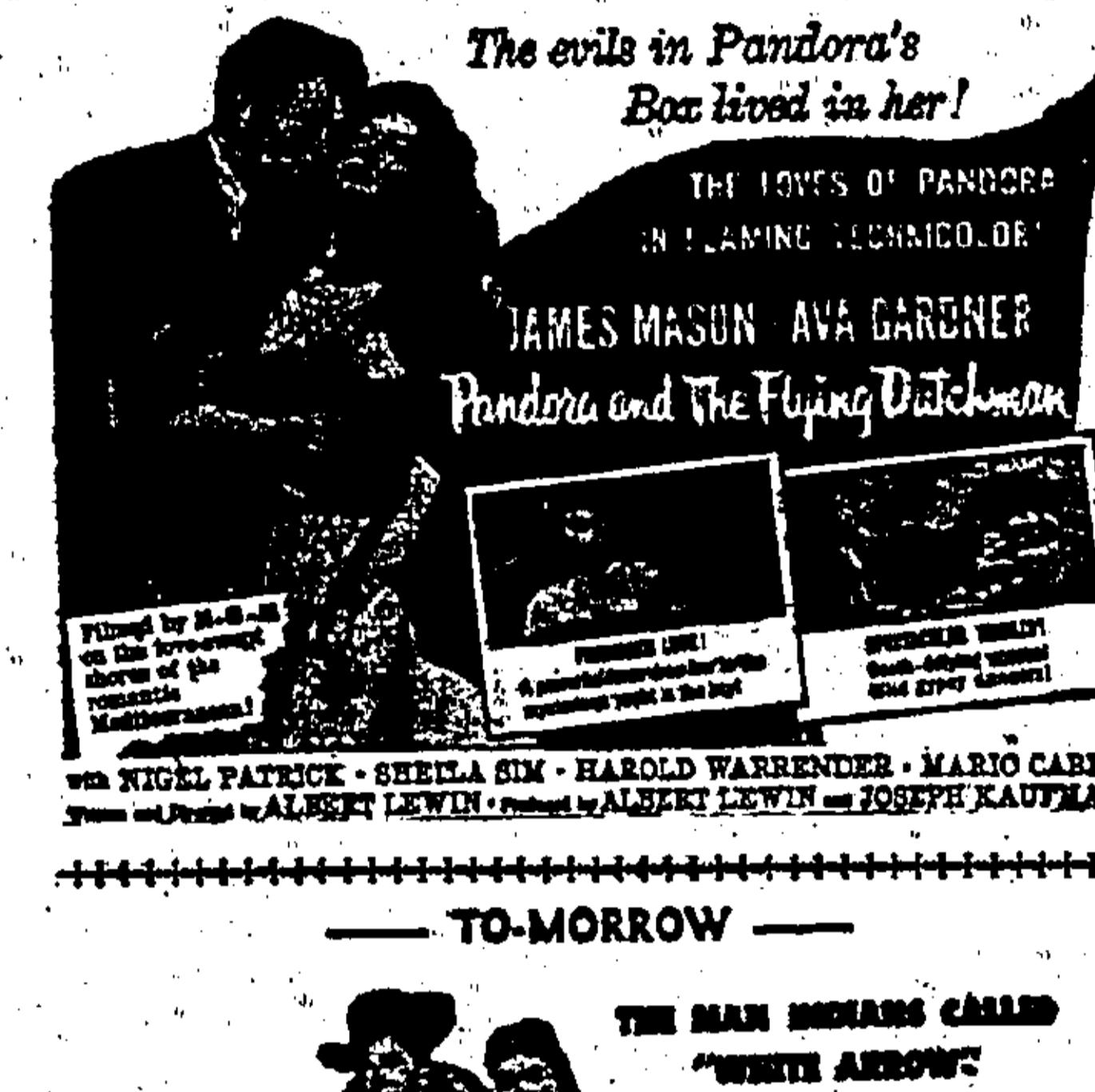


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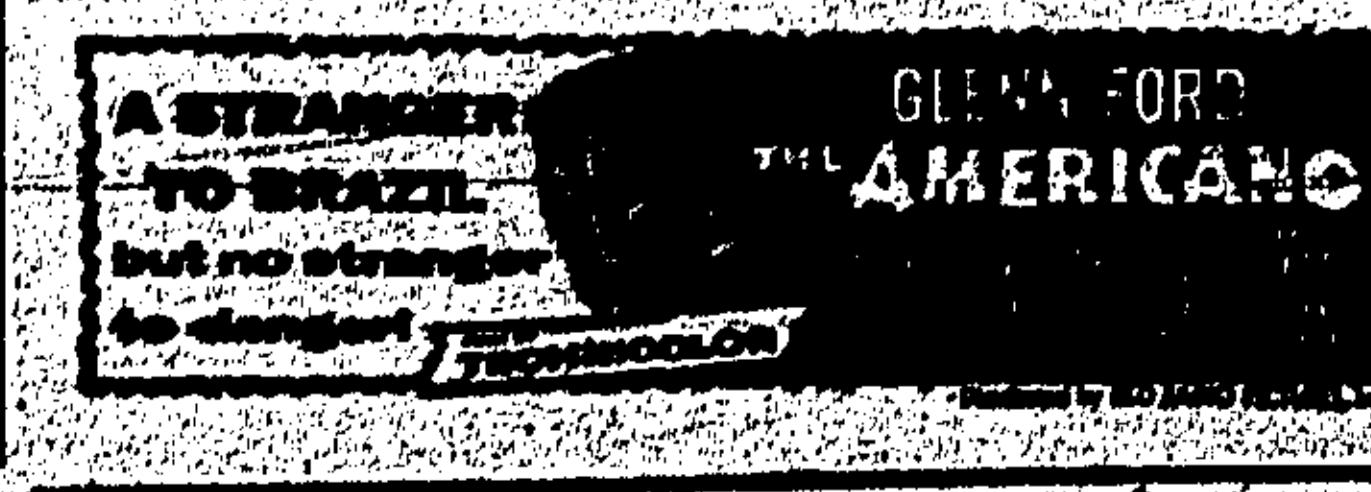


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MARSHAL ZHUKOV

ZHUKOV GOING TO BERLIN

Berlin, May 5. Marshal Georgi Zhukov, "Liberator of Berlin" and Minister of the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union, will attend ceremonies in the East sector of the city on Sunday to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the city's liberation, it was stated here tonight.

General Peng Teh-huai, Minister of Defence in the Communist Chinese Government as well as a large number of high-ranking officers of the "popular democracies" are expected to attend the ceremonies.

Zhukov will go on to Warsaw for the Communist nine-power conference which according to recent official declarations, is to consider political and military counter-measures to offset the ratification of the Paris Agreements by the nations of Western Europe.—France-Presse.

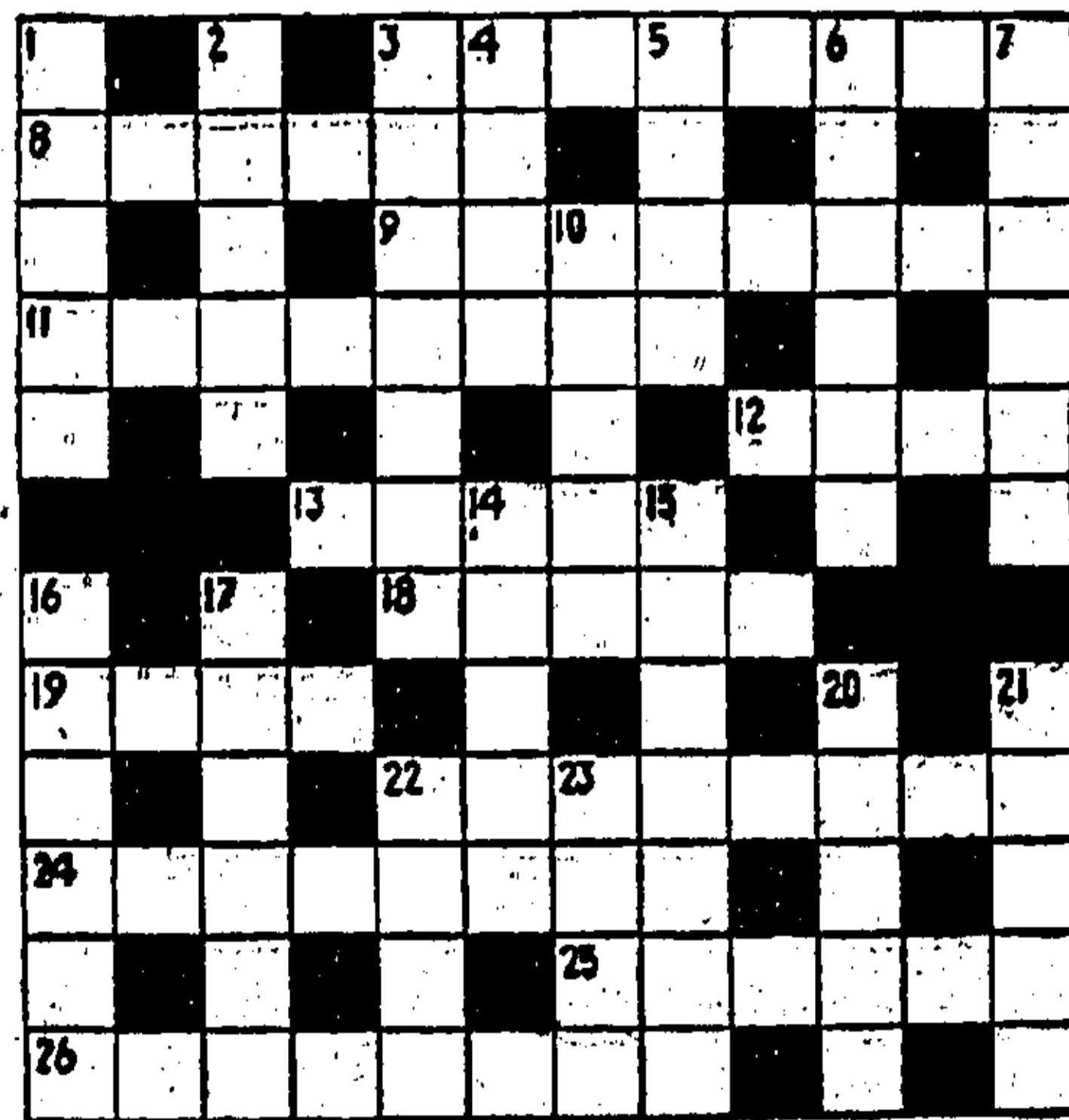
Chile Rejects British Proposal

Santiago, May 5. The Chilean Government tonight rejected a British proposal to submit the question of sovereignty over the Antarctic territories to arbitration by the International Court at The Hague.

Chile has established four Antarctic bases, the last of which—Deception Island—was inaugurated this year. This led to a protest by the British Government that the move routed existing agreements about the establishment of new bases in the region.

Chile is reported to have claimed sovereignty over the island dating back to the last century, and has considered setting up an air station there for flights to the South Pole.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Thrush (8)
- 8 Worker (8)
- 9 Dervish (8)
- 11 Told (8)
- 12 Espy (4)
- 13 Brother of Romulus (5)
- 18 Moves quickly (5)
- 19 Black (4)
- 22 Celebrated philosopher (8)
- 24 Servant (8)
- 25 Modest (6)
- 26 Eased (8)

DOWN

- 1 Denude (5)
- 2 Quavers (5)
- 3 Closely packed (7)
- 4 Neat (4)
- 5 Parched (4)
- 6 Surety (8)
- 7 Happening (6)
- 10 Hesitate (5)
- 14 Stone worker (5)
- 15 Agitated (7)
- 16 Extreme fright (6)
- 17 Gateway (6)
- 20 Opepe (5)
- 21 Fable (5)
- 22 Ancestor (4)
- 23 Grant (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:—Across: 3 Transient, 7 Enter, 8 Ascended, 10 Solace, 13 Treble, 15 Rate, 17 Expires, 18 Defence, 20 Err, 21 Trellis, 26 Treaty, 27 Increase, 28 Crisp, 29 Discreet. Down: 1 Least, 2 Stoic, 3 Tract, 4 Need, 5 Medium, 6 Tidies, 8 Select, 11 Order, 12 Asses, 14 Exerts, 15 Ride, 16 Remit, 18 Deified, 19 Nicies, 22 Erect, 22 Latin, 24 Sigh, 25 Peas.

DEATH KNELL OF SOVIET POLICY

Restoration Of West German Sovereignty DULLES JUBILANT

Washington, May 5. The restoration of West German sovereignty was hailed today by Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, as the "death knell of Soviet policy" towards Western Europe.

Mr Dulles said this during testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of President Eisenhower's new \$3,530 million (\$1,260 million) global foreign aid programme.

"Today marks the death knell of Soviet policies pursued in Western Europe for the past ten years," he said.

THEY FAILED "They now have to throw up their hands and admit they failed."

"They have to find new policies," he went on. "They will put the best face they can on their defeat."

Mr Dulles suggested the changed Russian policy in Austria would give new hope to other captive peoples who wanted liberation.

He thought West German sovereignty would bring nearer the reunification of all Germany.

Mr Dulles said plans for Austria called for neutralisation but he doubted that would suit the German situation.

FULL ENERGY Mr Harold Macmillan, new British Foreign Secretary, in an article published in Bonn said we shall devote our full energy "to the task of German re-unification."

Mr Macmillan, writing in the English-language official British publication in Germany, said: "The tragic fate of those European countries which have lost their freedom, like the 18 million Germans now in bondage in the Soviet Zone, has taught the world a lesson of how quickly freedom can be lost and how difficult it is to regain."

The article, written on the occasion of West Germany becoming a sovereign power, stated: "We hope and believe that the new association of France and Germany will grow even closer and more friendly.

"We are pledged under the Paris agreements to work jointly with the Federal Government for German unity... not only because of our pledge, but because we are convinced that the problem of German unity lies at the heart of all our European problems.

"Peace and stability will never be assured until this great objective has been reached."



The Marchioness of Winchester (formerly Miss Bapye Pavry) and her brother, Dasturroda Dr Jal Pavry, arriving at Burlington House for the Private View of the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.—Central Press Photo.

Afghans Reported Mobilising

London, May 5. Afghanistan was reported to be mobilising her army as the Afghan Embassy here said today relations with Pakistan were worsening because of Pakistan's decision to merge Northwest Frontier tribal areas into a new West Pakistan Federation.

The Embassy said that the Afghan Prime Minister, Mr Sardar Mohammed Daoud, had recalled his diplomatic representative from Karachi, the Pakistan capital, and had declared that "responsibility for any consequences" of Pakistan's federation policy would rest on Pakistan.

From Kabul, the Afghan capital, a radio announcement said that the Ministry of Defence was calling up all men between the ages of 25 and 32 to be ready to "fight all acts of aggression."

This followed Monday's broadcast by Pakistan's Premier Mr Mohammed Ali that Pakistan "would no longer tolerate Afghan interference in its internal affairs."

Mr Ali said that if Afghan interference should continue Pakistan "would know how to deal with it effectively."

"Afghanistan realises," he said, "that the merger (of the Northwest Frontier tribal areas) would sound the death knell of their independence."

(Afghanistan claims that the tribal areas between the river Indus and the Durand Line, which is the eastern frontier of Afghanistan, should be declared a separate and independent state of Pakistan comprising some 700,000 "Pakhtun" tribesmen.)

The Afghanistan Embassy here said that Mr Daoud, the Afghan premier, yesterday, answered Mr Ali by declaring that the tribal areas "have never been part of Pakistan."

"The allegation of Afghanistan interference in Pakistan's internal affairs is, therefore, baseless," the Afghanistan Premier said.

APOLOGIES He said that the Afghan premier had offered apologies and compensation for last month's attacks on the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul but that Pakistan was not satisfied.

Pakistan officials here disputed this stand by Afghanistan and said that although Afghanistan had offered apologies and compensation they had also asked for Pakistan's apologies and compensation for supposed attacks on Afghan diplomatic missions in Pakistan.

The Pakistan Premier said it was "obvious that the ruling Junta in Afghanistan was in no mood to appreciate the necessity of maintaining friendly relations."

"In these circumstances, no alternative is left to the Pakistani Government save to act," Mr Ali said.

As the first step, he said, Pakistan had closed two Consulates in Afghanistan and asked Afghanistan to close her consulates and trade agencies in Pakistan.

"If that should fail to make the Afghan Government realise the seriousness of these incidents and the responsibilities of their actions, further action will be taken," Mr Ali said.

The head of the delegation, Mr Horne Ogawa, in a speech at the station said that the delegation had come to visit China with the warm wishes of the 34 million Japanese peasants for friendship and co-existence and common prosperity between Japan and China.

"We hope to learn from the brilliant example of the Chinese people, and especially those of the Chinese peasants, in their construction," Mr Ogawa said. "We also hope to hold special talks on the between the peasants of the two countries and in the agricultural sphere," Reuter.

LIBERATION OF THE DUTCH

Amsterdam, May 5. Queen Juliana today took the salute of troops from seven Allied countries commemorating the tenth anniversary of Dutch liberation.

With her on the dais were Prince Bernhard, the Canadian Charles Foulkes, the Canadian who took the surrender of German forces in Holland on May 5, 1945. He is now Chairman of the Canadian Council of Staff.

Bright sunshine lit the colourful scene at nearly 2,000 men from Britain, the United States, Canada, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands marched down the road — renamed "General Foulkesweg."

Today is a National holiday and Wageningen is the focal point of performances in towns and villages up and down the land.—Reuter.

WE HAD A GOOD DAY TODAY

Viennese Version

Vienna, May 5. The British, French, Russian and American Envoys ended their fourth session of talks on re-drafting an Austrian State treaty here tonight without issuing a communique.

A source said afterwards: "We had a good day today. The conference is going well and it will be a short conference. But I doubt if we shall get it over by tomorrow. There are still some difficulties, yet we are still very optimistic."

This source said that they had today completed the discussion of all the articles of the treaty. They were now engaged in retracing old ground which had been left unagreed.

It had earlier been hoped that in view of the concessions made by the Russians in a sudden change of front yesterday the conference would complete its work and issue a final communique today.

SATISFIED

Dr Bruno Krifsky, Austrian Foreign Minister, said as he left the Allied Control Council building where the talks are taking place that they were "satisfied" with today's progress. The conference will resume at 1430 tomorrow.

The conference, attended by the Austrian Foreign Minister Dr Leopold Figl, has been working since Monday to re-draft the State treaty ending the Austrian occupation.

It will then be considered and signed by the Foreign Ministers of the four powers and a representative of the Austrian Government.

Conference circles thought the question of a guarantee of Austrian neutrality might be left to the Ministers' meeting.

It is believed that the only articles still to be dealt with by the Ambassadors' conference are articles 33 dealing with the withdrawal of troops and 35 dealing with the disposal of former German assets in Austria.

The Russians had proposed that all Allied troops should be withdrawn by December 31 this year whether the treaty had been ratified by then or not. It was understood unofficially that the Western Powers had not agreed to this suggestion.

It was not known exactly what clauses had caused disagreement on the disposal of former German assets.

The only questions expected to cause difficulty in the economic clauses of the treaty were those connected with claims of Western nationals to such assets, and about whether the Soviet Government's concessions to Austria should be included in the basic problem of Paktistanistan, the Embassy said.

A spokesman of the Commonwealth Relations Office said that the tribal areas, which Afghanistan claims should be formed into an independent State, are actually part of Pakistan.

BOUNDARY

The spokesman said that the "Durand Line" was agreed upon as the boundary between Afghanistan and India in 1893.

"It is Her Majesty's Government's view that the Durand Line is the boundary between Pakistan and Afghanistan today and that Pakistan inherited the areas which were under British administration before the partition of India in 1947," the spokesman said. —United Press.

APOLOGIES He said that the Afghan premier had charged that Pakistan was aiming only to "inimicite" Afghanistan.

The Prime Minister said Pakistan's move for closing the Consulates was made only for diverting public opinion from the basic problem of Paktistanistan, the Embassy said.

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GOOD THING

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In a big effort to clear this

point Mr Lee pointed out that

"one-tenth of the population in

Malaya are Indians. Half the

rest are Malays and of the

Chinese in the remainder a

high proportion are already

Malaysians like myself."

The fiery Chinese independence

fighter emphasised that he was

not a Communist but if I have

to choose between colonialism

and communism I will vote for

communism."

Lining himself to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr

Press

SHAPE STUDYING

NUCLEAR WEAPON WOUNDS

Paris, May 5. The treatment of wounds inflicted by nuclear weapons will be studied by the fourth annual 18-nation Health Service Conference, to be held at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) today and tomorrow. The conference will include representatives of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) countries and will be opened by United States Air Force Brigadier-General Wilson S. Hall, who heads SHAPE's medical department.

Tomorrow, "Operation Averus" will be carried out at the SHAPE to demonstrate a simulated attack with nuclear weapons and its effect on victims.

The operation will be directed by British Army Corps General Sir Frederick Harris, who heads the British Army's Health Service—France-Presse.

Communism Before Colonialism

Singapore, May 5.

The Secretary of the People's Action Party, Mr Lee Kuan-yew, today denied that he had told an Australian newsman yesterday that if Malaya were independent it would become a Red Chinese province.

Mr Lee, who is sparking the People's Action Party's fight to smash colonialism and who is clamouring for immediate independence for Malaya, was quoted by a special correspondent of the Sydney Daily Mirror as saying, "If Malaya were independent it will become a Chinese State."

The correspondent, then quoted Mr Lee as expressing the hope that the Chinese (in Malaya) would set themselves as Malaysians and not cling to Red China.

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In his interview with the Sydney Daily Mirror yesterday, Mr Lee was quoted as saying, "In Malaya we are sitting on a powder keg. The Communists are certain to win and nothing any one can do can stop them—neither Britain nor SHAE nor Australian troops."

In the same interview Mr Lee also said he opposed the sending of Australian troops to Malaya "because there is danger they would be used to maintain the existing political order." —United Press

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? DID IT
HAPPEN?

TEA WITH MAHMOUD

"**M**ADEMOISELLE, you are too sporty," sighed the Arab lift-boy disapprovingly as he took me down to the ground floor at four in the morning.

He had dealt with many eccentrics in that hotel but never before with an Englishwoman who continually arose at 3 a.m. and left hours before dawn with a rucksack and climbing shoes hung around her neck.

In the square outside, a naval car was waiting and an impatient hiss from that large red-faced character known around Beirut as "Monsieur l'Amiral" issued forth.

"Why the devil have you been so long? We must get there before dawn. Hurry."

Terrier faces

I climbed hastily into the back seat, where Torps was trying not to look sleepy. It was in the English sporting tradition to look keen at the beginning of long tramps and even in the dark we put on the alert, terrier faces which our leader approved.

R. K. was not really an admiral but a captain commanding the submarine flotilla then based in Beirut. He had such fierce eyebrows, however, that the Lebanese automatically gave him the grander title.

Bill, who sat beside him reading a map by torch-light, had for two years been one of his submarine commanders and was in the process of being "brought back to full strength" by mountain marches lasting from 12 to 18 hours. He had the correct quivering greyhound look even when his mind was full of cream-buns and nightclubs and was therefore a great favourite with his commanding officer.

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"Gone . . . two nights", R.K. roared in English, holding up two fingers, and they nodded vigorously. A few youngsters trailed on with us, giggling about the "Slit" (the lady). Then after a few miles they caught their goats, offered us each a mug of warm milk and waved goodbye.

We trudged up a mountain side of countless wild flowers while the sun rose and pink oleanders grew scarcer.

After plunging into a pool we ate under the shade of a huge oak, and decided to laze.

By dusk R.K. had led us up to a glorious ridge, organised the collection of firewood and was

cooking a superb supper. My task was merely to heat the plates. It was cold up there near the snow line—but strangely beautiful and silent.

Next morning we left our camp with blankets hung on bushes in the approved style and did not get back until nearly dark. On our return we saw to our amazement that food and cooking gear had been scattered and all the bedding was missing.

"Incredible," we gasped. "These mountain folk never steal. We know them. It just couldn't happen."

"It looks as if there had been a fight," puzzled Bill.

We stared up the wide darkening valley. There was not a soul in sight. Not a human habitation for miles. Then, far off, we noticed a blanket off,

In Beirut one had the very matches stolen out of our pocket

Anita Leslie gave up acting to become a trainer of horses. Then came her war-time travels, including service in the Middle East, South Africa, Italy, Germany, with her husband, William, King, a wartime submarine ace, she now lives in a twelfth-century fortress in Galway Bay. Her latest book—The Fabulous Leonard Jerome—was a biography of her great-grandfather, who was also Sir Winston Churchill's grandfather.

Here, two hours away from civilisation, you could entrust any stranger with your watch or your wallet for safe keeping.

R.K. carrying my load as well as his own with a kettle and saucepan tied on top, took up his favourite staff and started off. The village elders wished him well.

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A 1,000ft. climb would bring us to the watershed and we could then stand looking down the vast and garish Roman temples lay. Perhaps there was a village on the other side. We could not know unless we achieved a long climb.

R.K. was working up a slow fury. Brandishing his stick he announced that he would search all night until he found the culprits.

Suddenly a man emerged from behind an avalanche of boulders and hurried towards us waving his arms. For a moment I felt nervous. We were only four and had two sticks and a penknife between us. Bill and Torps muttered, "Keep together."

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"I suppose we ought to give him something, even if he did invent the brigands," said R.K., and called him back.

• These tales by
famous people
COULD have hap-
pened. Whether
they DID is for
you to decide.

R.K. strode on to meet the approaching figure.

As the man ran toward us we saw that he was alone and carrying some of our gear. What could have happened?

R.K., whose anger had died, asked me to question the panting, beaming apparition. The story he excitedly poured forth, while pointing up the mountain, was difficult to comprehend. "He says that bandits came and took our stuff. We must follow."

R.K. was only too ready, but I did not want to attack a tribe of bandits with a stick, nor did I fancy being left alone in the dark.

The stranger's face reassured us. You just could not lead people into a trap with a smile like that! We climbed close on his heels to a cave where he revealed a cache of our belongings. "Lead on to the thieves!" cried R.K., but we all descended.

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Meanwhile the Arab, while helping to carry blankets and pillows back to camp, continued incessantly to talk. I was too tired and hungry to follow the torrent of explanation, though the words "bad men" which I did understand constantly recurred.

We lit a fire and started supper. Most of the food had been saved. Only one blanket, Bill's submarine sweater and my toothbrush seemed irrevocably lost.

The Arab sat on a stone beside us and naturally shared our food.

"I've a shrewd suspicion he invented the whole story," said R.K. "But at least he's a merry rogue."

"Perhaps he dragged the stuff away to get a reward for helping us find it . . ."

We remained puzzled. Nothing that had occurred quite made sense.

Meanwhile the stranger sat there at his ease, laughing, joking and congratulating us on the good tea. Little all the mountain folk he looked poorly dressed, but his saucy red turban was extremely becoming. The wood fire lit up a finely chiselled face with sparkling black eyes. Of course he could not guess how little we understood of his spite of Arabic, but the sight of R.K. washing up in a nearby stream while I rested aroused fits of laughter.

"Goodbye," he said.

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With a wide smile that showed flawless teeth Mahmood returned. But a frown passed over his hawk face at the sight of a proffered note and he firmly refused it.

Today they led us to a table spread with cherries, olives, goat's cheese and arak. Mahmood appeared and recounted the tale all over again to exclamations of horror and approval. But today a Lebanese gendarme was in the crowd. As he spoke fluent French the true story was revealed to us for the first time.

Mahmoud had walked up with a couple of boys to see how the "Englishmen and their lady" were doing on the mountain top. When he reached our camp it was to see "an enemy village" from the other side of the mountain dragging off our belongings "to humiliate the honour of this village which had you under their protection," said the gendarme. "It all to the police post over there."

Quite alone

Single-handed — for the lads could hardly wield sticks — Mahmood had fought the raiders with his staff and finally driven them, dropping blankets and saucepans, straight up to the watershed and down the other side of the mountain. Then he collected all he could find, sent the exhausted boys home and waited for our return.

A welcome

It must have been two months later that R.K., Torps and I drove up that mountain road again. Our band was dispersed. Already Bill had returned to England to take over a new submarine and R.K. was about to go off in command of an aircraft carrier. We longed to visit our valley again, but time forbade. We could not reach the village and spend half an hour in the thin cool sunlight. Arabs trooped out of their orchards and gardens to stage a welcome and to hope that perhaps our families had been added to, recently, for disappointment showed on every Arab face when the inevitable questions were put and we answered truthfully that between the four of us only R.K. had a child . . . and that a daughter! "Such beautiful men,"

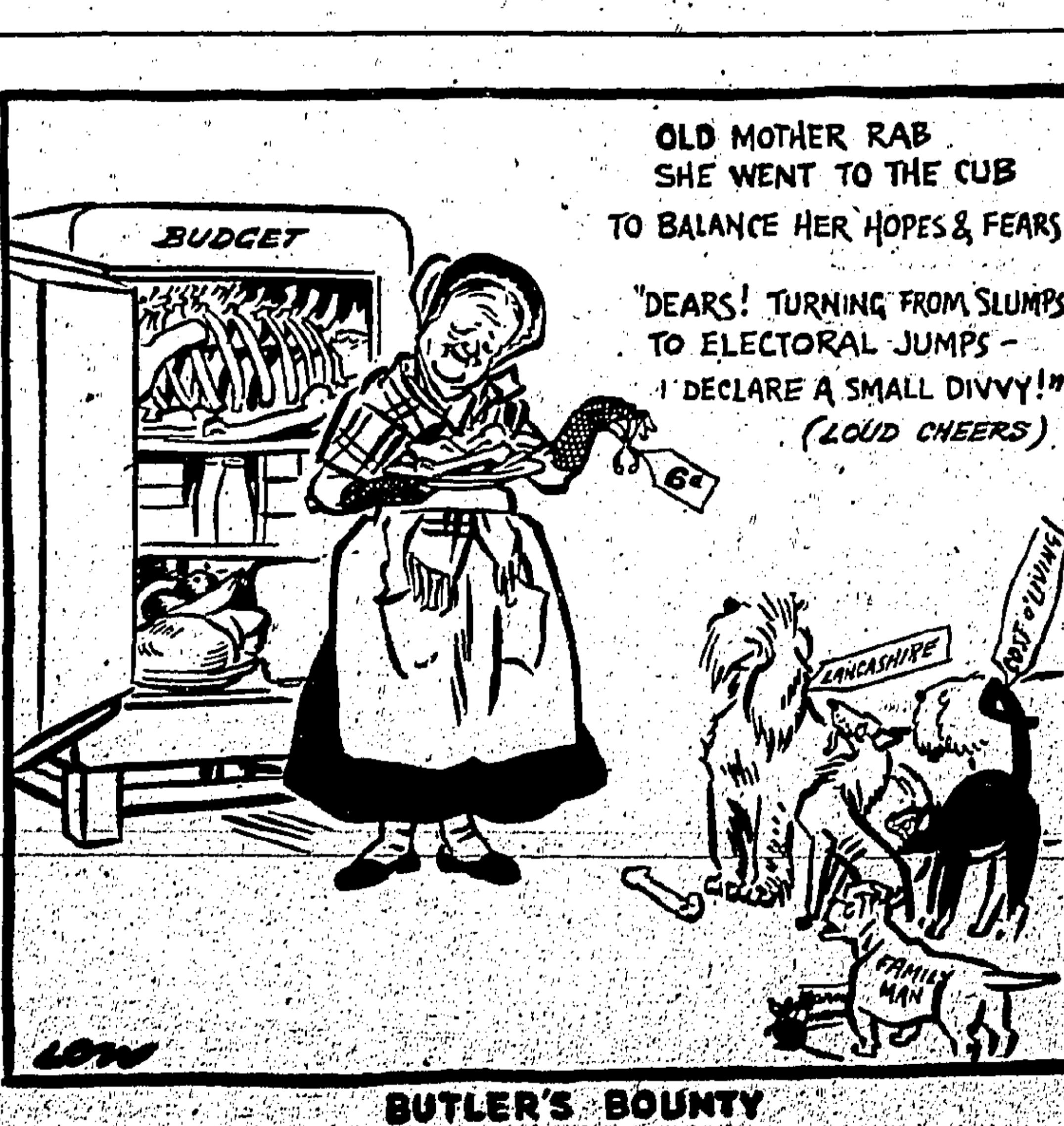
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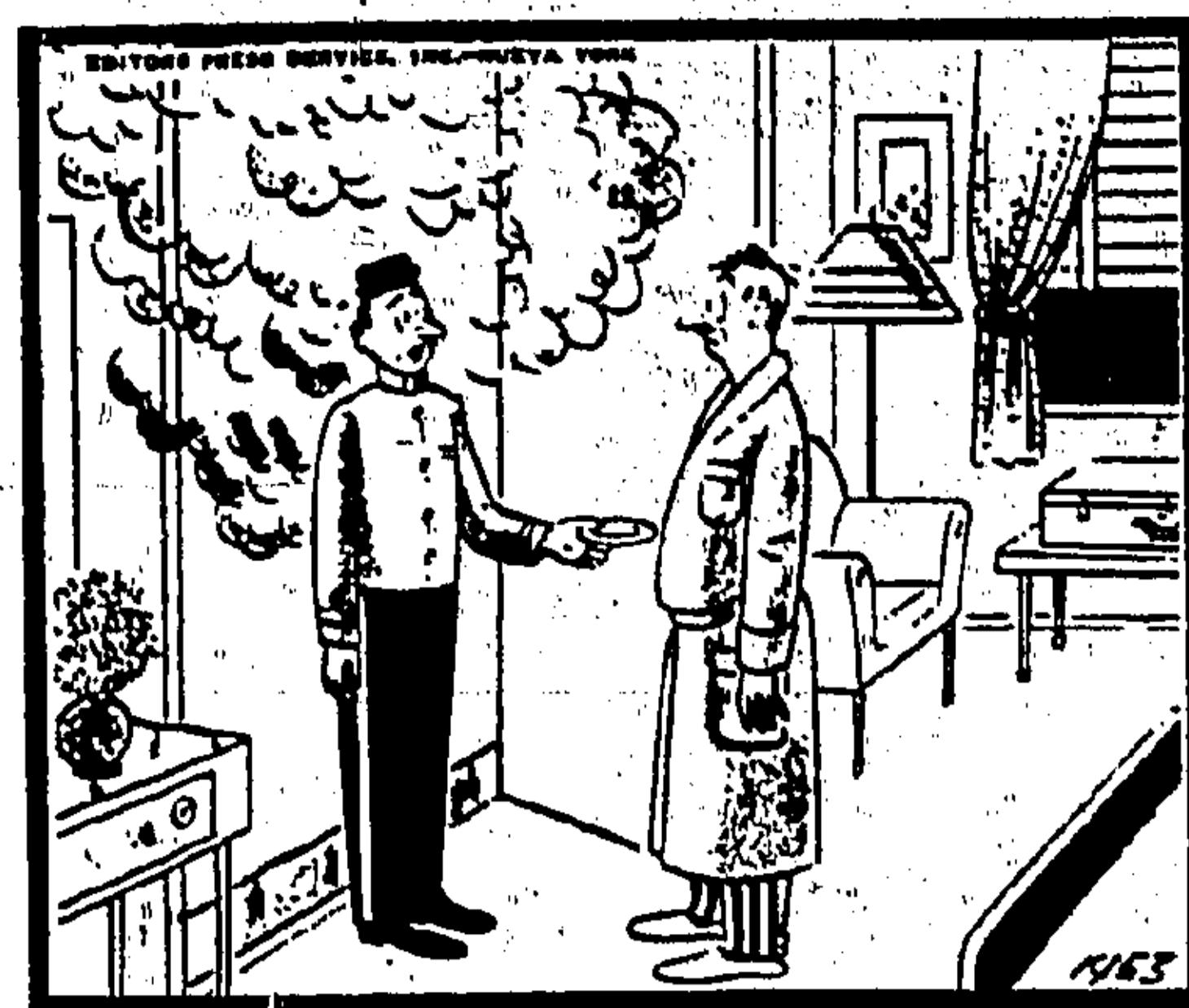
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© Did yesterday's story—The Phantom Gardener, by Nigel Balchin—actually happen? The answer: NO.



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"The hotel's on fire? Will that be all, sir?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MAY 6

BORN today, you have a hobby. If you persisted, you might become a fine artist. You have an acquisitive mind and like to know something about everything. As a child, this characteristic may be called inquisitiveness, for you are always asking questions. But your parents will discover that this is actually an attempt to get concrete information on a subject. Your "whys" always make sense! You are intrigued by the mysterious and for this reason the occult sciences might prove worthy of your investigation.

You have an inventive as well as analytical mind and if you put yourself to solving some complex problem, you have the ability to break it down into intelligible parts so that all who read can understand. Your writing ability should be cultivated. You also have talent in drawing but this you may utilise only as a guide.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are alert, there is no need for worry. You will know exactly what to do when the time comes.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Base your decision on facts, not guesses, or you could be seriously mistaken in your judgment.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—One of those days when a positive attitude can offset signs that are not of the best for you!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you have found it necessary to take work home from the office, get it done bright and early today.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The stars are auspicious for almost anything you may wish to undertake, especially home affairs.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you have been neglecting your correspondence lately, spend some time writing letters.

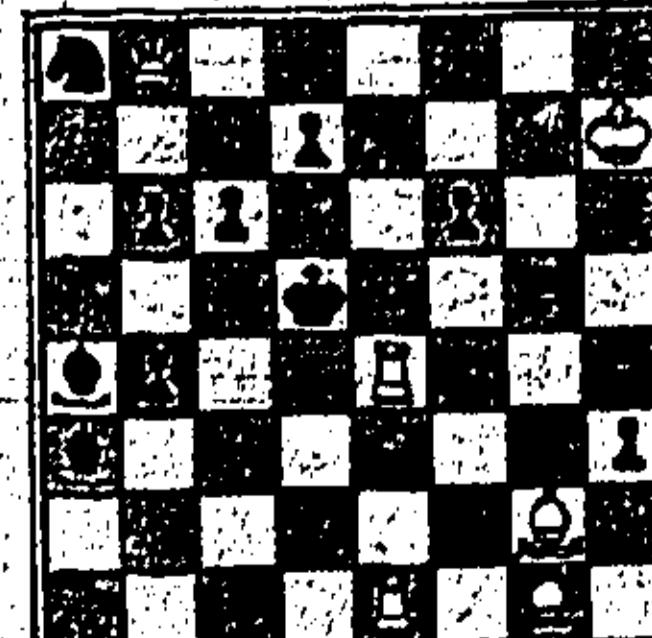
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You might be able to find some excellent bargains if you are shopping for things for the house.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—By careful planning you can make your money go a good, long way. Watch quality at sales.

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. H. HARING

Black: 10 pieces



White: 8 pieces
Black: 10 pieces

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. KxQ; threat 2. R-KKt6
1. K-K4; 2. K-B3 (ch);
1. K-KM4; 2. R-KC6 (ch);

TARGET

How many words of four or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right? It is a 6 word letter box. The small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the center. There must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. To help you, here are 40 words: pants, good, 48 words excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
Circles around crying very early every time you split generic oil. GOURMET overcooked. Now I am learning how to temper like nice rice recline real resting regularly. Rainfield retains very rarely. Rich ring.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

This Bid Takes Real Ingenuity

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is very difficult to bid "by the book." North shouldn't open with one no-trump with only 15 points in high cards, for such a bid shows 16 to 18 points. The normal bid of one heart is met by a normal response of one spade. So far so good.

At his second turn, North is reluctant to make the minimum bid of one no-trump. When possible, this rebid should be made on hands of 12 to 14 points; and a player who has 15 points or more in high cards should prefer a different rebid if he has a convenient one available. In this case, the rebid of two diamonds was reasonable enough.

What should South do next? Surely he must show a sign of red life with 14 points opposite an opening bid. A rebid of two no-trump is a slight underbid, as likely to three diamonds is a gross underbid, and a jump to three no-trump shows a club stopper that South doesn't really have.

When the hand was actually played, South made the jump to three no-trump anyway. He knew that he had no club stopper, but he hoped that the

NORTH (D) 23			
♦ 532	♥ KJ73	♦ KQJ2	♦ AJ
♦ Q1097	♦ 84	♦ 1086522	
♦ A9	♦ 95	♦ 9764	
♦ 85	♦ Q10753	♦ K6	
WEST			
♦ Q1097	♦ 84	♦ 1086522	
♦ A9	♦ 95	♦ 9764	
♦ 85	♦ Q10753	♦ K6	
SOUTH			
♦ AKJ6	♦ Q4	♦ A103	♦ 9842
♦ 10987	♦ 87	♦ 9842	
♦ 98765	♦ 76		
♦ 98765	♦ 76		
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♦ 5			

opponents wouldn't lead clubs or that North would have a little help in order to stop the suit properly.

West opened the five of clubs, and South had to think carefully in order to make his contract. The "normal" play is to hold up, by playing dummy's jack of clubs. East then wins with the king of clubs and returns the suit, knocking out dummy's ace. West gets the lead with the ace of hearts (or the queen of spades) in time to set the contract with the rest of the clubs.

South saw that the clubs were no threat unless West had led from a five-card suit. If West held K-Q-10-x-x he would have led the king instead of a small club. Hence if the clubs were divided 3-2, East surely had at least one honour.

Acting on this reasonable assumption, South won the first trick with dummy's ace of clubs. He then knocked out the ace of hearts at once. The club suit was now blocked, as South had expected. East had to win the next trick with the king of clubs and had to give up the lead to declarer.

Even if East had dropped the king of clubs on the first trick, West could have taken only two clubs. South's nine of clubs would then act as a second stopper in the suit.

ARIAS (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Exert a little extra care and hold your temper, no matter what happens, and you will be safe.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Headgear for horses? (6, 3)

2. Not an excuse or the horse? (4)

3. Tread more? (4, 4)

4. Not a bit? (4)

5. He has a show all to himself? (4)

6. This brought hope on blits nights. (6)

7. Porridge can be this across. (6)

8. This is the breath of morn, said Milton. (5)

Down

1. Father. (5, 3)

2. Not a bit? (4)

3. Spirit cuts the bone about. (4)

4. Blithard wrote his life. (4)

5. Worked with a peer. (4)

6. Scout has orders for a good one. (4)

7. I might say, he's unthink-able. (4)

8. The inn is nearby. (5)

9. Thrill for the soul and spine is blunting. (8)

10. Days that CANTALAPICHEA have been. (10)

11. Send back. (5, 4)

12. Bad on land often. (10)

13. In the middle of the STINKIN' UNI-UNI. (10)

14. Come of the NEIGHBORS. (10)

15. The bidding is the same as in

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in

the question just answered. You

South hold Spades Q-7-3

Hearts K-7-4 Diamonds K-Q-

8-5 Clubs 9-4. What do you do?

Answer: Tomorrow

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Cooking Is Much Like Singing

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"THE cooking range is the music, Madame. When you make the heat high, to bake or roast, it is like fortissimo or loud, when you sing. When the heat is medium, it is like moderate, or moderate, when the vocal line is light, and easy. When the heat is set at simmering point, it is like pianissimo or soft."

"How about high notes, Chef?"

"Those are the climax, Madame, that correspond to the garnishes on food. When the ladies learn that it is control and contrast in flavours, textures and temperatures that make a meal taste good, they will also have learned the basis of singing."

Dinner

Hot or Chilled Vegetable Juice
Lamb à la Mode
Flaky Potatoes
Green Beans

Tutti-Fruitti Pie
Lemon Honey Sauce
Coffe Tea Milk
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Recipes Serve Four

Lamb à la Mode

Pressure-Cooked: Cut 1½ lbs lamb stewing lamb in 1-in. cubes. Add ¼ c. wine vinegar, ¼ c. cider or apple juice, ¼ tsp. pickle spice and 3 sliced peeled medium-sized onions. Cover closely and refrigerate up to 24 hrs. until ready to cook. Drain. Strain and reserve the liquid.

Suggestion from the Chef
Oddments of piecrust are very useful. This Chef often makes a piecrust foundation for hors d'oeuvres. In this case, roll leftover piecrust thin. Cut in finger-length squares or rounds; bake, cool, and spread with any canape topping.

FEARS AND PHOBIAS

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

FEAR is one of the most important emotions we have. Under normal conditions of living we can control our fears and make them work for us. In fact, a person with no fear at all would be abnormal and at a disadvantage.

Phobias are a different story. A phobia is an abnormal fear that has no rational basis and is often more or less constant. Often the person with this type of fear admits there is really nothing to be afraid of, but cannot do anything about it.

A severe phobia can put a person at a great disadvantage and take much pleasure from life. On the other hand, many people have slight phobias of one sort or another, and they

are

One of the most common phobias is of closed spaces, known as claustrophobia. It has been common in many great and pro-

motional, or sexual conflicts and the basis for phobias, and when the cause is discovered, the phobia dis-

appears.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Friendly Stars

General Tin Says They Remind Him of Friends

By MAX TRELL

THE night was clear and cold and dark. Kaarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about names entered the Playroom. There, standing by the window, looking out into the night was General Tin the Tin Soldier.

Acting on this reasonable assumption, South won the first trick with dummy's ace of clubs. He then knocked out the ace of hearts at once. The club suit was now blocked, as South had expected. East had to win the next trick with the king of clubs and had to give up the lead to declarer.

Even if East had dropped the king of clubs on the first trick, West could have taken only two clubs. South's nine of clubs would then act as a second stopper in the suit.

Handi finally asked, "what are you looking at so hard, General Tin?"

As he spoke General Tin pointed up into the sky. "There's one of my best friends of all, the North Star."

Standing by General Tin's side, Kaarf and Handi saw the North Star. They also saw the Dipper and all the other stars that General Tin called his "Friends."

Always There

"They're always there," General Tin went on, "no matter where you are, in the city, in the country, in an aeroplane, or in a ship. You can always see them. They always seem to be watching over you. You can be lonely and far away in a strange land and yet, there they are, your old friends."

"My friends the stars gathered together in the form of a Dipper or of a Lady Sitting in a Chair or of a soldier named Orion or of Dog or of a Lion or of Twins—those are the ones I mean."

As he spoke General Tin pointed up into the sky. "I mean."

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1955 LOOKS AN EVEN MORE PROMISING YEAR IN EMPIRE ATHLETICS

By "RECODER"

The first four months of 1955 have produced more outstanding athletic marks all over the British Commonwealth and Empire than the corresponding first four in any other year and, despite the retirement of many outstanding athletes, such as Roger Bannister and John Landy, it seems that standards are still on the upward trend.

The Mile has already produced five men under 4 minutes 10 seconds with Australian Don Macmillan leading at 4:05.8. A notable feature of the early months of 1955 has been the continuing rising standard in Australian middle and long distance running; an improving South African standard in the race from 880 Yards up to the High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put and an appreciable rise in standards in the High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put and Javelin Throw.

Nigeria is now beginning to turn out good long jumpers in quantity and the Empire record in the High Jump has changed hands between two Nigerians Julius Chigbo at 6 feet 8½ inches taking over from Emmanuel Ifeajuna (6 feet 8 inches).

An Australian, Doug Stuart, has also cleared 6 feet 8 inches in an indoor meeting in the United States but it is still uncertain whether this was off a board or dirt take-off.

An early 1955 star was Australian milliner Dave Stephens in the distance runs, but this Australian challenge seems to have only served to spur on the efforts of the greatest ever aggregation of outstanding distance runners in England.

In the first important track distance race of the season at the White City Stadium, London, on April 23 — the Southern Six Miles Championship — Gordon Pirie gave a portent of things to come with a victory in 28 minutes 21.4 seconds. It was his second fastest ever run over this distance, about two seconds slower than his best.

A more significant feature of this race, however, was the 28.23 of Ken Norris in second place and the 28.29 of Hugh Foord in third place. Norris and Foord move up to second and third on the all-time Empire list and Australian Dave Stephens' 28.30 is left behind.

OLYMPIC GAMES:

Cycling Official Is Now Arena Manager

Melbourne, May 5. Leading Australian cycling official C. J. "Mick" Gray lost three important spots in Olympic cycling after confirmation that he had forfeited his amateur status.

Gray lost his job as cycling representative on the Australian Olympic Federation (AOF), the Olympic Executive Committee and also on the British Empire Games Committee. Already replaced as arena manager for the 1956 Games, Gray now remains in the Olympic picture as a member of the Organising Committee.

"We can do nothing about that," says the Australian Cycling Association secretary, Bill Jones. "Apparently Organising Committee members don't have to be amateurs."

Gray's loss of amateur status was confirmed by Norman Galley, president of the AAC—ruling body of cycling in Australia. His removal from the key positions follows what has been described as the greatest upheaval in Australian cycling history.

Gray was one of the first amateur cycling officials to object to the change of the Olympic track from 333 metres to 250 metres. Later he ran foul of other cycling officials who had backed him over the cycling row which led Australian cycling officials to threaten that they would boycott the event—United Press.

PEREZ-SHIRAI TITLE FIGHT ON MAY 24

Buenos Aires, May 5. Perez, Perez, Argentine's World Flyweight Champion leaves here by air next Saturday for Tokyo to defend his title against former Champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan.

The fight, originally scheduled for May 19, will take place on May 24.

Perez said today his insistence in postponing the match "was no mere whim, but conditioned by necessity or having an adequate period of training."

HOME SOCCER

London, May 6. Association Football regular LEAGUE DIVISION I: Tottenham Hotspur 1, Southampton 2; West Ham Utd 1, Leyton Orient 4.

LEAGUE III (SOUTHERN): Bradford 1, Southend 2; Weymouth 1, Luton Town 4.

LEAGUE III (NORTHERN): Bradford 1, York City 1; Bradford 2nd XI 1, Luton Town 1.

LEAGUE III (WELSH): Cardiff 1, Wrexham 1.

LEAGUE III (SCOTTISH): Dundee 1, St Mirren 1; Queen's Park 1, Celtic 1.

LEAGUE III (WALES): Cardiff 1, Wrexham 1; Queen's Park 1, Celtic 1.

LEAGUE III (NORTH WALES): Wrexham 1, Queen's Park 1.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

U.S. Rubber Consumption

A Record

Washington, May 5. The Natural Rubber News said today that United States rubber consumption in March and for the first quarter of the year had established a record.

This publication of the Natural Rubber Bureau here said March consumption figures amounted to 134,878 tons and the first quarter consumption amounted to 377,918 tons.

It pointed out that if consumption continued at the first quarter rate for all 1955 then rubber consumption would amount to nearly 1,300,000 tons.

Consumption of natural rubber in March was 57,933 tons maintaining about the 43 per cent ratio to total rubber consumption which was set in February.

The Rubber News said that constantly increasing consumption reflects the higher automobile production in Detroit and also the very high rate of replacement tire business, as well as the produced very high replacements in the second quarter due to the build up of tubeless inventories.

It then said although the estimates of United States consumption in 1955 have been raised by industry sources about 150,000 tons since the first of the year, the entire increase is forecast to be synthetic.

United Press.

British Petrol Dividend

London, May 5. British Petroleum Company announces gross £75,449,941, an increase of 17 per cent from the £63,883,228 earned the previous year. But depreciation takes £30,406,091 in 1954 (previously £20,056,243) and taxation £19,592,977 compared with £19,342,232.

Net profit is £24,349,873 compared with £23,589,434, a gain of three per cent.

A final dividend of 14 per cent less tax is announced. This is on a capital increased by the free script issue four shares for one. An interim on the smaller capital of 5 per cent has already been paid—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, May 5. The tin market was steady with spot losing 3d to £7103/4 and three-month 3d to £7141/4. Turnover was 50 tons of which 25 tons were for cash.

Closing prices in sterling per ton are as follows:

Spot buyers	7114
3-month buyers	7145
3-month sellers	7142
The zinc, copper and lead markets were very steady today.	
Prices closed in sterling per ton as follows:	
Spot Copper	3051/2
3-month Copper	3001/2
Lead 1st half May	103-104
Zinc 1st half May	891-892
Lead 1st half Aug.	871-874

United Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, May 5. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	May	14,000
Tin	May	90,250
Zinc	May	10,800
Copper	May	15,800
June		15,800

United Press.

CHICAGO LARD FUTURES

Chicago, May 5. Prices of lard futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

May	12.72
July	13.07
September	13.14
October	13.26
November	13.12
December	13.12

United Press.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

London, May 5. The pepper market was quiet. White Sarawak was quoted at 3s 5/4d. sellers per lb. and Black Sarawak at 2s 6 1/4d. sellers. Black Malabar May was quoted at 3s 4/4d. per cwt. sellers—United Press.

LARGER SOYBEAN DEMAND EXPECTED

Japanese Will Also Want More Tallow

Washington, May 1. Agriculture Department today reported a possible larger demand by Japan for soybeans and tallow in the coming months, and a need by Austria of fats and oils.

The forecasts were contained in the Department's weekly publication "Foreign Crops and Markets" and were based on reports from United States Agricultural Attachés stationed in those two countries. They were intended as sales advice for American farmers and exporters.

The report of Mr. Joseph Dodson, the Assistant Agricultural Attaché at the United States Embassy in Tokyo, said: "Japan's imports of soybeans and tallow during the Japanese fiscal year 1955 (April 1, 1955-March 31, 1956) may be somewhat larger than in the previous year." Present indications are that imports of soybeans during the 1955 fiscal year may total about 640,000 short tons (including 66,000 tons of soybeans for processing and re-export), and tallow about 120,000 tons as compared with 617,000 tons of soybeans and 93,000 tons of tallow in the fiscal year 1954.

"The Japanese Government as of early April 1955 was drafting a bill for temporary measures to stabilise the prices of imported foods which was expected to be submitted to the current session of the Diet."

The bill calls for price and distribution controls on imported sugar and soybeans. By this measure the Government expects to reduce the retail price of refined sugar and soybean oil considerably high at present."

China Mail Special

Chicago Grain Market

Chicago, May 5. Grain futures resisted profit-taking on the Board of Trade today and closed firm to strong led by wheat futures. This reflected short covering and light offerings in active dealings.

US export sales were confined to a small amount of corn. The United Kingdom bought from the Canadian market overnight a small amount of oats and Switzerland bought 2,500 tons of Canadian wheat.

Wheat closed up 1 1/2 cents; soybeans of 3/4 to 1 1/2 cents.

China Mail Special

World Cotton Markets

New York, May 5. Cotton futures today turned irregular after starting higher on the fourth consecutive sessions.

Gains ranged up to 50 cents a bale before technical realising and edge selling curbed the rise. Liverpool brokers bought July against straddle position. Shippers covering against export sales to Korea, Italy, Great Britain and Spain furnish additional support. However, recent optimism on the immediate export outlook for raw cotton was cooled by the slower demand.

The net stock of 1954 crop cotton in Government hands totalled 1,848,561 bales plus 4,888,815 bales from the 1953 loan programme.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	22,400	82,100
June	63,300	459,900
October	23,700	302,600
December	14,800	22,200
March	16,900	22,200
May	7,300	163,700
Total (bales)	152,600	2,297,500

China Mail Special

NEW YORK Stock Market

New York, May 5. Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.65
May	35.98
July	34.67
Oct.	34.63
Mar.	34.63
May	34.65
July	35.11-35.12

China Mail Special

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	31.05
May	34.05
July	34.04
Oct.	34.04
Dec.	34.10
Mar.	34.10
May	34.40

China Mail Special

LIVERPOOL

Future closings in pence per lb. were as follows:

May/June	31.70
July	32.74
Sept.	32.64
Oct./Nov.	32.74
Dec./Jan.	32.54
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Dunlop Rubber Profits

London, May 5. Dunlop Rubber reports group trading profits at £17,717,914, an increase of 14 per cent over the previous year's £15,483,545; parent company's net profits were £2,902,872; if the relief of excess profits tax is included, net becomes £3,508,642. Dividend is 10 per cent, less tax, making 14 per cent for 1954 compared with 1953's 12 per cent, plus bonus of 2 per cent.

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$524,490. Moon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS	HK Bank	1550	30 @ 153
INDUSTRIES	212		
UNION A.I.C.	900	50	51
SHIPPING	784		
ASIA ETC.	68		
DKC	24.10		
President	11.20	12.00	11.90
Old	7.20	7.50	7.70
Whealock	17.20	17.10	17.20
HK Hotel	500	480	47.40
HK Land	60	58	57.60
Humphreys	16.10	16.10	16.10
St. Rte	21.00	20.00	21.00
Sar Ferry	100	108	107
Yard Ferry	50	50	50
C. Light	18.00	18.15	18.00
CD. XD	100		

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"Dangerous Agitators" Sentenced

Remarkable that he had formed the opinion that the three defendants were "dangerous agitators" and were "a constant incitement to disorder," Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning sentenced three former coolies of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godowns to three months for besetting the company's coolies living quarters.

In his judgment, the Magistrate said: "I may say at this stage that peaceful picketing is, of course, permitted under the Ordinance, and in cases of dispute, those employees who have grievances—either real or imaginary—have the right to attend the premises of their employers for the purpose of peacefully obtaining information, or even peacefully persuading any person to work or to abstain from working."

Mr Morris held that the three accused had been properly dismissed by their employers, and that after dismissal they deliberately remained on the Company's premises for the purpose of creating trouble.

They were overtly turbulent when spoken to and continued in attempts to disrupt the work carried on by other employees.

Mr J. R. Oliver of Messrs Deacons appeared for the Prosecution.

DIVORCE PROBLEM

(Continued from Page 1)

In a divorce, precision about the marriage to be dissolved was essential and a matter of substance. The Commissioner who heard the case could only be taken as intending to decree that the marriage alleged and proved to have taken place was dissolved.

Dismissing the case the judge gave permission for leave to appeal.

He had earlier pointed out that after the 1953 divorce the former Marchioness went through a marriage ceremony with Major Fielding, who was mentioned in her petition, and Lord Bath similarly went through a ceremony with Virginia Ternant.

Lord Bath, now 50, is the owner of Longleat House, Wiltshire, one of the most famous of the stately houses of England now opened to the public to help pay for its maintenance, and of a vast family estate in the south of England.—China Mail Special

Mr G. M. Tinglo has been appointed a Member of the British Universities Selection Committee, vice Mr D. C. Barry, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.



One of the most popular attractions at the traffic exhibition which has been organised by the Hongkong Police is an automatic test for learner drivers. On a board are different traffic signs with numbers and numbered answers. But the answers may be under the wrong sign. If the operator pushes the right sign for the right answer, a bell rings. Picture above by staff photographer shows visitors to the exhibition testing their driving knowledge.

Boatman Cross-Examined In Lighters Claim

Cross-examination by Mr Leslie Wright of Leung For-kun, head boatman of Lighter No. 22 which was sunk during the typhoon of September 2, 1953, was continued at the Supreme Court this morning at Godown Co., Ltd., plaintiffs, and Wang Kee and Co., defendants.

Mr Wright alleged that it was Lighter 22, belonging to the Godown Company, which hit a sister lighter, No. 72 and straddled its bows and then shortly afterwards Lighter 72 sank.

This was denied by the witness. The case is being heard by Mr J. R. Gregg, who is sitting with the Assessor, Mr J. Hewitt, Senior Surveyor of Ships, of the Marine Department. Plaintiffs represented by Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr R. A. Wadeon, of Messrs Deacons, are claiming damages totalling \$70,533.15 from Wang Kee and Co., stevedores, and merchants, of 34-37 Connaught Road Central, arising from the sinking of four of their lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon in the Colony on the early morning of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of defendants.

Wang Kee and Co. are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Leslie Wright and Mr.

position, after having got his family off the Lighter 22 that the lighter hit Lighter 72, straddled her bows and shortly afterwards 72 sank.

This the witness denied.

The case is proceeding.

1956 Public Holidays

It was notified in the Gazette today that the following General and School holidays will be observed during 1956: Every Sunday; first week-day in January; Monday January 2, the day following Chinese New Year's Day, Monday February 13; the Tuesday following Chinese New Year's Day, Tuesday February 14; Good Friday, Friday March 30; the day following Good Friday, Saturday March 31; Easter Monday, Monday April 2; the Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen, Saturday April 21; Whitsunday, Monday May 21; the first week-day in July; Monday July 2; the first Monday in August; Monday August 6; the 30th day of August; Thursday August 30; Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Day, Wednesday, September 19; the third Monday in October; Monday October 15; the day following Remembrance Sunday; Monday November 12; Christmas Day, Tuesday December 25 and the 26th of December; Wednesday December 26; School holiday—Empire Day Thursday, May 24.

Mr Wright asked him whether he agreed, as an experienced lighterman, that by shifting his craft to the outside of No. 57 under the bows of the Nellore he would get no protection from any westerly or northwesterly winds.

Witness replied that when he was at the side of the Nellore the mooring ropes were perpendicular. By lying alongside the bows of No. 57 he would still be moored to the Nellore and the ropes would not be perpendicular. Moreover, in his new position he would not be in danger of bumping against the side of the Nellore.

Mr Wright pointed out that the three lighters nearest to the wharf under the bows of the Nellore stretched out abreast to the full width of the Nellore's beam so that Leung's lighter being the fifth and the outside one would have the full force of the wind.

Leung said that even if he had remained by the No. 1 hatch he would have also the full force of the wind.

COULDNT DO IT

Mr Wright put it to the witness that he would not have been so exposed if he had moved between the No. 1 hatch and the stem of the Nellore.

Leung said he could not do that in view of the proximity of the other lighters at the bows.

He denied that he was in that position when he got his family off the lighter by having them cross to the other lighters and on to the wharf.

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